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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nielsen, US Pat. No. 6,405,243 B1.

2. As to claim 1, Nielsen teaches a method for forwarding an e-mail message from a disfavored e-mail address to a forwarding e-mail address via a remote e-mail forwarding computer having a unique e-mail address, the method comprising the steps of:

prescribing at least one disfavored email address in the remote email forwarding computer by subscriber (Nielsen, col. 3, line 66 – col. 4, line 27);

prescribing at least one forwarding email address in the remote email forwarding computer by the subscriber (Nielsen, col. 3, line 66 – col. 4, line 27);

sending from a user to the remote computer an email message addressed to an intended email address (Nielsen, col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 21 and col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 55);

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receiving at the remote computer the email message addressed to the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 21 and col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 55);

parsing the intended email address from the email message in the remote computer to determine if there is a disfavored email address associated with the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 21 and col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 55); and

sending the email message from the remote computer to a computer associated with at least one forwarding address if there is determined at least one disfavored email address associated with the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 21 and col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 55).

3. As to claim 2, Nielsen teaches the method further including the step of sending an email message to the user from the remote computer indicating that the email has been sent to a forwarding email address (Nielsen, col. 2, line 56 – col. 3, line 4).

4. As to claim 3, Nielsen teaches the method further including the step of sending an email message to the user from the remote computer indicating that the email message was not forwarded to a forwarding email address if a disfavored email address is determined not associated with the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 6, line 11-55).

5. AS to claim 4, Nielsen teaches the method wherein the parsing step includes the step of comparing the intended email address to a look-up table to determine if the

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intended email address is included as a said disfavored email address in the look-up table (Nielsen, col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 21).

6. As to claim 5, Nielsen teaches the method further including the steps of sending the email message from a user's computer to a computer associated with the intended email address; and receiving the email message at the user's computer with a message indicating that the email message was not delivered to the computer associated with the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 11).

7. As to claim 6, Nielsen teaches the method wherein the sending step further includes the step of sending the email message from the remote computer to a plurality of computers each having a forwarding address associated with a disfavored email address if there is determined at least one disfavored email address associated with the intended email address (Nielsen, col. 5, line 59 – col. 7, line 53).

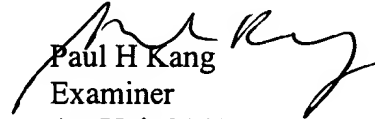
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H Kang whose telephone number is (703) 308-6123. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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